

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are presented in this application. In this amendment, claims 48-50 have been cancelled, and claims 1-36, 38-47 have been amended. Claim 1 was amended to place it in outline fashion. Claims 2-36, 38-47 have been amended to express the preamble in a fashion more suitable to US patent practice. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 33, 35, 36, 39, 42, 43, 45, and 47 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies for the purpose of reducing fees. No amendments have been made to distinguish the claimed invention over any prior art.

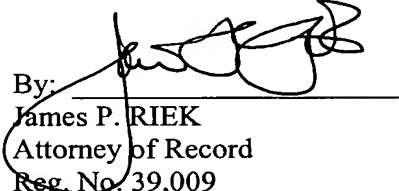
Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority information. Further, appropriate headings have been inserted on accordance to 37 CFR 1.77. Applicants have attached a substitute Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early consideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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